AKUBE!!!
WHO AMONG THOSE SOLDIERS IS THE MOST MONSTER LIKE?!
.....
AH
THUMP
Chapter 5: The Divine Sword

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?
BOOM
!!!
EXCEPT IF YOU WANT TO DIE!
IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE MILES AWAY!
GROOAA!
IN FRONT OF YOU! WATCH OUT!!
YOUR REPUTATION IS THAT OF A GREAT WARRIOR SO SHOW US THAT YOU HAVE IT IN YOU!
USE THIS!
SLINK
WHAA!

!?
PUSH
カッ
SHOVE
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SFX BOOM

ME TOO!
I CAN DO IT!
SWISH
BUT I'M NOT LEFT OUT, EITHER! I'M FAR FROM BEING RIDICULOUS!
INCREDIBLE
SHE THINKS SHE IS ON STAGE OR WHAT?!
EN GARDE!
I'M TOMOE I FOUGHT BY THE SIDE OF SHOGUN YOSHINAKA!
READY
CIRCLES
PFUIT!
BLOOD?
?
WHACK

むあー
GRUNT
HA!
EN GARDE!
MY BROTHER AND I ARE GOING TO TAKE THE KOKUMAGA SWORD BACK FROM YOU!
AND I'M KAMATA MITSUHARA FROM YOSHITSUNE'S ARMY!
ME TOO!

GRRR
.....!
DID YOU SEE? TWO SHARING THE SAME BODY!
I WONDER HOW ONE OF THEM ENTERED THE OTHER'S BODY...
...
PFF!
THEIR UGLINESS SUITS ME PERFECTLY...
LOOK CLOSELY, TOMOE!
JUST..
...THE FIGHT OF UGLINESS
IT'S NOT A WAR ANYMORE...
HEHE

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STAB
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SFX. BAM

SCREAM
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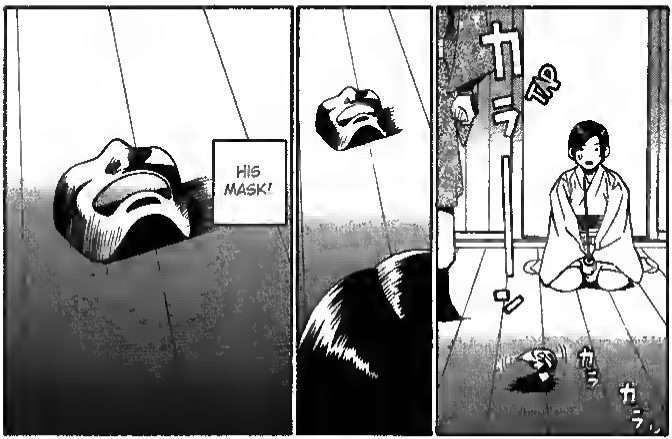
SPIT
ZHWACK
SPIT
BANG
SLASH

SFX: SLASH
MY ARMMM!!!
AAAAGH!!!

SLASH
カッ
AKUBE IS MOVING IN SUCH A WAY THE MONSTER CAN ONLY SPIT IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION..
ON THE CONTRARY, WE'D BETTER STAY WHERE WE ARE...
WHAT?
THIS MONSTER IS DOING THE WORK IN OUR PLACE--!
HE'S EXPLODING HIS COMRADES!!
SWISH

PFFT
SWIPES
OH?
LIAR!
I MUST GO BEHIND HIM.
TO HELL WITH IT!
AH!
AKUBE!
CLUNK
!!!


HIS MASK!
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Oooo
I INFLICTED THOSE BURNS MYSELF.
AKUBE CERTAINLY DESIRED TO ESCAPE FROM THE GENJI MEN...
FOR THIS REASON HE THREW AWAY HIS WEAPONS HIS NAME AND EVEN HIS FACE...
AKUBE!!
AKUBE'S MASK...
HAS FALLEN DOWN!
SLIP
AH
HE HIDES HIS SCARS...

..THE HATE, THE CURSE AND THE PAIN..
IT'S THIS SWORD'S NAME... THE ONLY THING IN THE WORLD WHO KNOWS MY TRUE FACE... MY UGLINESS REFLECTED ON ITS BLADE ALLOWS ME NEVER TO FORGET...
ゴォ.
UGLINESS? SCARS?
SFX. FIERCE STARE

BUT... HE HAS NONE...
HE HAS NO SCARS!

ON THE CONTRARY...
ぎゃあ
ドカッ
WHACK
SFX: ARGGHH!
...
DON'T TELL HIM!
EH?

I DIDN'T THINK HIS BURNS WOULD HEAL SO FAST...
WOULD HEAL?
!
AKUBE REALLY DISFIGURED HIMSELF IN THE PAST...
BUT THAT HAPPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO...
オ-
YES..
THEY HAVE TOTALLY DISPAPPEARED

BUT ..
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE?
YES.
HOW...
BUT THE MOST INCREDIBLE THING IS THAT HE STILL SEES THOSE SCARS!
IT'S THAT VISION WHICH FILLS HIM WITH THIS RAGE...
GRUM
HIS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH. .
HA ...
THAT'S WHY HE SHOULDN'T BE TOLD ANYTHING ABOUT HIS WOUNDS
SMILE
CLENCH
ME...
ME GOT YOU!!!!!

WHAT? HIS SWORD?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HIS EYES WHICH ARE DELUDING HIM...
OR AZAMARU'S REFLECTION TRYING TO DECEIVE HIM..
DO YOU THINK YOU CAUGHT ME?
IT'S NOT A SIMPLE SWORD?
AZAMARU.. OR RATHER KUSANAGI..
SHUDDER
A SIMPLE SWORD?
SLASH!!

DON'T YOU FIND IT STRANGE A SWORD ISN'T USED UP AFTER SO MANY FIGHTS?
AFTER HAVING CUT SO MUCH?
11° HOURS
7 TURNS
BESIDES, WHY DO THESE SUPPOSINGLY IMMORTAL MONSTERS FEEL SUCH PAIN WHEN THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH HIS BLADE?
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THIS SWORD IS NOT OF OUR WORLD ..
オオオオ
IT'S THE BLADE OF THE GODS! OR RATHER..
SFX: AGGGHHHH!!!!
SFX: FEROCIOUS

THIS WEAPON...
MAY BE A GOD ITSELF.
SFX. SLASH

I don't understand
A GOD IN THIS SWORD?!
A GOD?
ONE DAY AZAMA-RU-
BAM
!!!
WILL BE MI-
...!
ARGH!
GRAB

SFX: SMASH
KABEKIYO!
KABEKIYO!

ARGH!
SNACK
MU-
MUSA SHIBO!?
AAAARGH!
AAAARGH!!!
WHACK
AAAAAH!
AAA AAH!
BASH
WHACK

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WISH!
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SWIP
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GRIP
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THRST
SFX: THROWS

SFX: SLAM
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FLOMP
ROLLS
ROLL

KAGEKI-
YOOO!
PFFF.
HOW UGLY YOU ARE!

MAYBE AS UGLY AS I AM...

AZAMARU

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